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(Utility Patent Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: APPARATUS HAVING PLATFORMS POSITIONED FOR PRECISE CENTERING OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS DURING PROCESSING, denoted as AMAT-005320, the specification of which is attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. SECTION 119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, US Code, Section 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority claimed under 35 USC 119</u>
NONE			

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 120)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, i.e., information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT filing date of this application.

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Patented</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>	<u>Status</u>
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